THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.15285 OF 2007

ORAL ORDER:

The claim of the petitioner herein that he is a landless poor person and, therefore, entitled to the benefits under Section 82 of the A.P. Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987, was disallowed by the 2nd respondent by order dated 8.6.2007. Against the said order, the petitioner preferred an Appeal before the 1st respondent under Rule 4 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Lease of Agricultural Lands Rules, 2003 with an application for stay. The petitioner states that the 1st respondent has not considered his Appeal nor passed any orders on his application for stay and, in the meanwhile, the 3rd respondent is taking steps to conduct fresh auction for grant of leasehold rights in respect of the land in his possession. Hence, this writ petition.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and having regard to the fact that a statutory Appeal is pending before the 1st respondent, I deem it appropriate to preserve the *status quo* till the Appeal is decided on merits. Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the 1st respondent to dispose of the Appeal pending on his file as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till such time, the 3rd respondent shall not grant the leasehold rights in respect of the land in question to any third party. No costs.

(G. ROHINI, J.)

19th July, 2007.
Note: Issue CC in three days.
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Between:

Peddisetti Venkatanandam. .. Petitioner.

And

Regional Joint Commissioner,
Endowment Department,
Kakinada, East Godavari District and others. .. Respondents.